

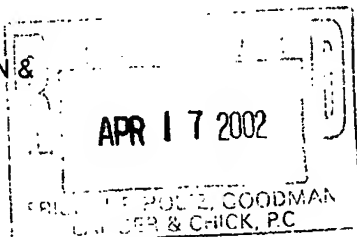


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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION
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S I R :

This is responsive to the Patent Office Notice mailed April 12, 2002 (copy enclosed), the term for response to which expires on June 12, 2002.

Submitted herewith are the following:

1. Declaration executed by the inventors referring to the application by serial number and filing date.
2. A check in the amount of \$130.00 for late submission of the Declaration.

Applicant hereby claims priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 of the below listed foreign application, a certified copy of which is also enclosed herewith.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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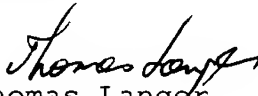
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Acknowledgement of the claim of priority and of the receipt of said certified copy is respectfully requested.

If any further fees are required, authorization is given to charge same against Account No. 06-1378.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed.

Respectfully submitted,


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